

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A Ffistula blocker, -(1) for clearing up a fistula passage, comprising:

(26) with a plug-like closure device comprising (2) which can at least to some extent be inserted into the fistula passage (26) and which has a bearing surface, a caudal end and a cranial end; and -(4) extending at least partially circumferentially and perpendicular to the direction of insertion (3) and which can be brought into contact with the wall of the fistula passage (26), and where the closure device (2) is provided with

a flexible application string connected to the cranial end of the plug-like closure device(11) which can be inserted into the fistula passage (26), the application string being designed as a drainage pipe.

(3) 2. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of according to claim 1, wherein the cranial end of the plug-like closure device comprises -(2) has a guide section -(6) laid out cranially in the direction of insertion (3).

3. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of according to claims 1 and 2, wherein the caudal end of the plug-like closure device comprises(2) has a closure section -(7) having a bearing surface -(4) laid out caudally in the direction of insertion (3).

4. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of according to claim 1, wherein the plug-like closure device has a conical shape(2) is formed conically.

5. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1, wherein the plug-like closure device (2) has a concave outer shape.

6. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1, wherein the plug-like closure device has an egg shape (2) ~~is somewhat shaped like an egg.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1, wherein the length of the plug-like closure device is (2) ~~corresponds in the direction of insertion~~ (3) ~~to about 2 cm, preferably from 0.5 cm to 1 cm.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1, wherein the plug-like closure device comprises an absorbable (2) ~~is made of reabsorptive material.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1, wherein the plug-like closure device comprises one or more of (2) ~~is made out of poly-dioxanone, poly-glycolic acid and/or trimethyl-carbonate.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1, wherein the plug-like closure device comprises (2) ~~is made out of metal, preferably titanium.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1, wherein the plug-like closure device is hollowed out on the inside.

12. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1, wherein the plug-like closure device (2) has a semi-permeable surface structure, preferably of membrane.

13. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1,
wherein the plug-like closure device (2) has a spongy structure.

14. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1,
wherein the plug-like closure device comprises a plurality of channels disposed therein(2) ~~is~~
~~riddled on the inside with channels (12).~~

15. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1,
wherein the plug-like closure device comprises a plurality of indentations on the surface
thereof(2) ~~has several indentations (8) spread out over its surface.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 1,
wherein the plug-like closure device further comprises fistula blocker (1) ~~is provided with an~~
~~anchoring device (13) for locking the closure device (2) tight in a fistula passage.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 16,
wherein the anchoring device comprises a plurality of (13) ~~has several barbed sections (14)~~
~~blocking its movement contrary to the direction of insertion.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The Ffistula blocker of ~~according to~~ claim 17,
wherein the plurality of barbed sections (14) ~~are restricted in their flexibility, and laid out shored~~
~~up laterally.~~

19. (New) The fistula blocker of claim 1, wherein the length of the plug-like
closure device is 0.5 to 1 cm.

20. (New) The fistula blocker of claim 10, wherein the plug-like closure
device comprises titanium.